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Proposed Bill No. 6582

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Specify that the
- 2 manufacturer of genetically modified organisms, not the farmer or
- 3 other landowner, is responsible when pollen from one of the
- 4 manufacturer's patented organisms contaminates nongenetically
- 5 modified crops or other organisms on the property of the landowner,
- 6 (2) protect farmers and other landowners who are sued by
- 7 biotechnology corporations for patent infringement from liability as
- 8 long as they unintentionally come into possession of genetically
- 9 modified material and are not in breach of a relevant contract, (3) allow
- 10 farmers and other landowners whose crops or other organisms on
- 11 their property are contaminated by genetically modified organisms to
- 12 sue the manufacturer of the genetically modified organisms for
- 13 damages, which shall include, but not be limited to, the value of lost
- 14 crops and other organisms, lost income, the cost of removing the
- 15 genetically modified organisms and punitive damages, (4) permit all
- 16 farmers to save seeds of any crops for their own use, and (5) prohibit

17 biotechnology company agents from entering a farmer's land to collect
18 sample crops for testing without the farmer's written consent or a court
19 order.

Statement of Purpose:

To protect farmers and innocent landowners from liability and damage due to trespass by genetically modified organisms onto their property.